

DOWSEY SLAIN, CUT BY ON SCALP SHOWS

Effort Made to Hide Wound
Before Body Was Sent
From Seattle.

BROTHERS DENY ILLNESS

Ship Board Agent Probing
Graft "Got," According to
Boast in Club.

A deep flesh wound several inches in length on the scalp of Frederick A. Dowsey, body of the ship, was the theory of his relatives that the ship graft hunter did not die of apoplexy, as reported by a Seattle coroner, but came to his end through foul play.

The wound appears to have been inflicted by a blackjack. It is on the top of the head and according to expert authority could not be the accidental result of a fall. It was also learned yesterday by a representative of THE SUN that the wound had been carefully kept up and covered before the body was shipped eastward to relatives in this city that it would ordinarily have escaped notice.

It is in fact would never have become known to the family but for a careful examination made of the body by several physicians after its arrival here. This examination was ordered because of reports that had reached the relatives of threats made against the life of the man who as special agent of the Shipping Board had been probing conditions in the Seattle yards.

Brothers Probing Tragedy.
Two brothers of the deceased man, Dr. George H. Dowsey of 40 Wall Street, and James L. Dowsey, an attorney of 66 Broadway, when asked their opinion regarding this scalp wound yesterday refused to go into details.

Dr. Dowsey, however, said emphatically, "It is my belief that my brother did not die of apoplexy, but of violence." These brothers have been pleading to their bits of evidence before the coroner, though greatly handicapped by the fact that their brother met his end so far away from home.

Ever since Frederick A. Dowsey was reported to have been found dead on the floor of the washroom in the building in which he had his office they have suspected the case to be one of murder. They have now asked the Federal authorities to aid in bringing the persons responsible to justice.

The County Democratic Club of Seattle has also taken the matter up and has demanded the suspension of all of the officials of the Shipping Board in that city pending an investigation.

According to reports received by the family a shipping man is said to have boasted in a Chicago club, shortly before Mr. Dowsey began his investigations into alleged dishonesty of Western officials, "We got the last one the Government sent out there, and we'll get this one too."

After Dowsey's death, which occurred May 2, this same man is said to have boasted, "We got him just as we said we would."

Dr. Dowsey gave it as his professional opinion yesterday that his brother was not apoplectic. Regarding the finding of the Seattle coroner, he said, "I have no report of any investigation on the Pacific coast whatever. The only notation regarding the death on the official papers appears to be the single word 'apoplexy'."

Robbery of U. S. Foiled.
Frederick A. Dowsey was formerly acting Deputy Collector of Customs in this city. He became associated with the Shipping Board in the summer of 1918, and his journey to Seattle was occasioned by reports of wholesale graft in connection with a shipyard there. Work at this yard was said to have been going on in a most mysterious manner, and it was believed influences were in operation there for the purpose of robbing the Government in large contracts.

Mr. Dowsey was in the midst of his first probe when his sudden death halted the proceedings.

He left a widow, Mrs. Genevieve A. Dowsey, and two children, Virginia, 16, and Marjorie, 13, who reside at 1200 Grand St., N. Y. where the brothers also make their home.

Officials of the Shipping Board were resent about the matter yesterday, declaring that they were not at liberty to discuss it. It was admitted that an official investigation is in progress and it was learned by a representative of THE SUN that the result of the examination of the body by physicians here is known to the officials.

Major W. A. Higgins, special agent of the Department of Justice, in charge of the Shipping Board, conferred upon the case during the day with members of the family.

IRON CLUE FOUND IN DOWSEY DEATH

Two Ex-Convicts Sought in
Mystery.

SEATTLE, July 14.—A piece of iron, believed to be the weapon with which Dowsey was killed, has been discovered by detectives here. It is the theory of persons investigating the death of the graft probe that he was attacked in the washroom of the Securities Building by two ex-convicts, who were later loitering in the vicinity on the day of the tragedy. These men are being sought by the police and said to have come from Grays Harbor, a wooden ship building center.

The authorities are also said to be on the trail of a woman who is said to have been hired by Dowsey's enemies in the hopes of getting certain information from him regarding his plans.

Evidence bearing upon the case is also said to have been uncovered by Government operatives in a raid upon a bungalow at Olympia yesterday. The raid is said to have been connected with shipping theft investigations.

The sensational turn of affairs has caused Coroner Timm to announce he will conduct a probe into the cause of the death which he announced as being due to apoplexy. He stated today that he was instructed by Government secret agents to so characterize the case.

The Coroner intimated that he will call men high in the shipping circles as witnesses at his inquiry, and that sensational developments will be forthcoming. He declared three sets of Government officials in this city have been working on the case, but that their operations have been kept secret for fear that premature publicity would harm the case.

According to operatives here Dowsey was preparing to spring a trap that would have sent several persons to prison for fraud amounting to several millions of dollars.

Sugar Plant Would Shut Streets.

There will be at 11 o'clock tomorrow a hearing at Borough Hall, Brooklyn, presided over by Borough President Riegmann, on the application of the American Sugar Refining Company to close South First, South Second, South Third and South Fourth streets in this city here today to the water front. It will be necessary to close these thoroughfares, it is said, in order to erect new buildings.

R-34 OFFICERS GET OVATION IN LONDON

Papers Publish U. S. Photos
but a Few Days Old.

KOENIG ASSAILED AT 'HARMONY MEETING'

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LONDON, July 14.—Major G. H. Scott, commander of the R-34 in its successful trip across the Atlantic which ended at Fulham Sunday morning, and Brig. Gen. Edward M. McMillan, representative of the British Air Ministry on the dirigible, were greeted with rousing cheers from a hundred officers of the Royal Air Force and a large number of civilians who gathered at the Air Ministry when they arrived in London this afternoon.

A big crowd had gathered at the railway station and the officers of the R-34 were forced to make their way slowly to waiting automobiles in which they were driven to the Air Ministry.

In the crowd at the railway station were Mrs. Winston Churchill and many other women who cheered and congratulated the airman.

Photographs taken recently in the United States and brought to England by the dirigible R-34 and to London by air-planes from Fulham are published by the morning newspapers. They include President Wilson's arrival at New York, a view of the R-34 taken from an American airship as the British dirigible first approached Mineola and a snapshot of the first balloon flight at New York.

The newspapers also published a photograph showing a four-day old American airship, the "Bessie Coleman," at Buckingham Palace, the home of King George.

CLEVELAND FETES NC FLIERS.

Read, Bellinger and Towers Guests
of Aviation Club.

CLEVELAND, July 14.—America's famous transatlantic fliers, Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Read and his crew, the successful flier, Lieutenant-Commander P. N. L. Bellinger of the NC-1 and Commander John R. Towers of the NC-2, were feted by Clevelanders today under the auspices of the Cleveland Aviation Club.

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During the early evening rush of the Williamsburg Bridge last night a hand some limousine crashed into a motor cycle, throwing the vehicle into the air and injuring two riders.

Frank Radio, motorcycle patrolman, witnessed the accident and raced after the big car, which did not stop. Finding his cycle unequal to the pursuit he hailed the red official racing car of Fire Commissioner Drennon, who was going in the same direction.

The Fire Commissioner took the policeman into his car and gave chase. After the fleeing limousine they sped through the city, crossing the Brooklyn bridge to the bridge and on through Roelbling and Havemeyer streets. At Marcy avenue and South First street they overtook the limousine, which had been forced to a stop when the driver tried to make too short a turn at the street corner.

Radio, revolver in hand, boarded the limousine and placed the driver under arrest.

At the Bedford avenue police station the prisoner said that he was John Mellett, 1572 First avenue, Manhattan. He declared that the limousine was the property of Edward T. Jeffery, railroad financier and right hand man of the Goulds, who was in the city for the purpose of robbing the Government in large contracts.

He said he was employed by Mr. Jeffery, but failed to explain how he came to be driving his employer's car.

Mellett was held on charges of intoxication, reckless driving and felonious assault. Two other men who were with him in the limousine went to the police station with him, but no charges were entered against them as they had not been responsible for the operation of the limousine. They were, however, named as Samuel Martes, 244 East Nineteenth street, and Lester Weles, a business man of Park Row.

Robert and Richard Frooks, 625 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, who were on the motorcycle with which the limousine collided, were taken to the hospital and are being treated for injuries.

Edward T. Jeffery could not be found at the Biltmore last night after the accident. Mr. Jeffery is the former president of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad and has been connected with a number of other large lines.

IRVING TRUST CO. BUYS BANK.

Takes Over National City of Brook-
lyn, an Old Institution.

Purchase of the National City Bank of Brooklyn by the Irving Trust Company was completed yesterday. The management of the Irving's new Brooklyn office will remain in the hands of its former officers, Henry M. Wells becoming a vice-president and director of the Irving Trust. P. Irving Merriam, vice-president, and Ralph R. Wardell, an assistant secretary of the trust company. The board of directors of the National City will continue to serve as an advisory board in charge of the business and of the Irving's Brooklyn office.

The National City Bank of Brooklyn was organized in 1850; its charter was one of the first issued under the national banking act. Its capital stock has been \$300,000, its surplus and undivided profits \$159,079.34 and its total resources on May 12 were \$10,251,203.16.

Big Sale for J. V. Thompson.
UNIONTOWN, Pa., July 14.—The unsecured creditors committee of the J. V. Thompson estate, in session here today, gave sanction to the sale of the Piedmont Coal Company property, involving \$18,000,000.

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TWO BIG PARTIES UNITE

Hoffman and Eder Also In-
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Verbal fireworks, in which Samuel S. Koenig, Republican leader of New York county, was accused of directing the vote, enlivened the first unofficial convention ever held in this county when William Blau was selected last night as the Republican candidate for one of the three Municipal Court Justices to be elected in the Second Municipal Court district this fall. The convention was held in the Republican headquarters of the district in Second avenue.

The Socialists are so strong in the district that there was fear they might have been able to elect all three Justices in a three cornered fight. So the Republicans have arranged fusion with the Democrats. Of these two parties, the Democrats, having the larger vote, are to have two of the three nominations. They will nominate Justice Benjamin Hoffman, whose term is expiring, and Justice Morris Eder, recently appointed by Mayor Hylan to take the place of Justice Leonard Smith.

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buried by Patrolman Byrne of the
East 75th street station yesterday, and
pointed out three men running East
on that thoroughfare who, he said, had
robbed him. The policeman, command-
ing an automobile truck and, together
with Simonelli, started in pursuit.

As the vehicle struck a rut in the pavement Simonelli was jolted off and one of the rear wheels fractured his skull and crushed his neck. He was taken to the Harlem hospital where he died later. In the excitement following the accident the highwaymen escaped.

TWO RAIDS MADE IN MONEY DISTRICT

Papers of Marine Salvage Cor-
poration and of Brokerage
Firm Seized.

Detectives Mayer and Brown of Headquarters, made two raids in the financial district yesterday. In the offices of the International Marine Salvage Corporation, they seized books and papers dealing with the business of the concern, which recently was organized under a Delaware charter to raise sunken ships. The other raid was upon the offices of the brokerage firm of Crossman, Sherman & Co., as the result of complaints from the officers of the firm, who said they had bought worthless stock at high prices. The books and papers seized at both places were taken to the office of Edward P. Kilroe, Assistant District Attorney.

Mr. Kilroe said that the Salvage Corporation was just about to unload onto the public some \$2,500,000 worth of works in the concern, which claims to have a device, invented by Walter G. Fumald, by which sunken ships can be raised quickly and cheaply. Fumald, the District Attorney's office says, has a criminal record and came here from England early this year, using at that time the name of James Shradie. Officers of the corporation, according to the prospectus seized by the detectives, included Lester Slater, of the brokerage firm of Lester Slater & Co., and formerly secretary of the United States Shipping Corporation, and Charles W. Morse, president of the United States Steamship Company.

Mr. Kilroe said last night that so far nothing has been brought out in connection with the salvage corporation upon which criminal action could be based. Fumald declares that his device is practicable and has been successfully demonstrated.

The District Attorney will question Fumald and other officers of the corporation to-day and will also examine Crossman. He also will look over Crossman's books to learn the truth of a statement made by one of Crossman's clerks that a fake trading account had been entered to avoid payment of excess profits taxes.

Plan for National Budget.
WASHINGTON, July 14.—After brief debate the Senate passed today a resolution by Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, providing for appointment of a committee to work out a plan for a national budget system. The committee will